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### Riverside Police Department Participates in a Statewide Shoulder Tap Operation

**Riverside, CA** - On Friday, March 16, 2012, the Riverside Police Department Vice Unit participated in a Statewide Shoulder Tap operation along with over 90 other law enforcement agencies throughout the state of California and agents from the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. A minor under the supervision of Vice officers was placed to the front of locations that sell alcohol. The minors would tell customers they were under age and then would solicit customers to purchase alcohol for them.

The minors were placed to the front of 10 locations throughout the City of Riverside. They contacted 49 people that resulted in 9 arrests for furnishing alcohol to a minor. One arrest was made for consuming alcohol in public. The program is intended to reduce the availability of alcohol to minors.

The people who furnish alcohol to the minor are arrested and given a citation. The penalties for a violation could be a fine up to \$3800.00, up to 36 months probation, jail time, and community service.

This project is part of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's Minor Decoy / Shoulder Tap Grant Project, funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.